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Application Serial No. 09/312,485

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THEM

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING TRANSMITTAL OF REQUEST  
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.**

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Sir:

This is a request for reconsideration accompanying the enclosed transmittal for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). This RCE is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed January 13, 2003 and the Advisory Action mailed May 29, 2003 in the above-identified application. Applicants also have submitted an Information Disclosure Statement that accompanies this RCE.

Applicants thank the Examiner for participating in a telephone interview with M. Scott McBride on May 21, 2003.

The amendments presented below are in compliance with the revised amendment format permitted in the Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated February 10, 2003. Thus, the provisions of 37 C.F.R.

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§ 1.121(a), (b), (c) and (d) are waived for amendments made in this application to the claims, specification, and drawings.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this document.